



RUDDER FLUTTER

ACE ACADEMY 2000: DON'T MISS THE FUN!

By: Frank Lester
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May 15th Deadline to Apply

Preparations for the upcoming Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy



have swung into high gear. The annual event, set for July 10-12, 2000, is being organized by volunteers from the Boise Air Terminal, Idaho Aviation Hall of Fame, Idaho Division of Aeronautics, Idaho Ninety Nines, Idaho Aviation Association, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Civil Air Patrol.

The activity-packed, three-day adventure into the field of aviation has always proven to be the highlight of every participants' summer vacation. Limited to Idaho students between the ages of 14-18, the schedule immerses the students into various aspects of aviation. A mix of lectures, tours, and flying activities, students

will hear from both career civilian and military spokespersons as well as having the opportunity to tour the Boise Air Terminal and surrounding airport facilities. The National Guard is another special tour that defines a schedule with little time for the student to blink. A local manufacturer of kit-



built aircraft, SkyStar, Inc., the airport control tower and radar approach control facilities, the Boise Automated Flight Service Station and commercial freight operations like Fed Ex and Airborne Express are also scheduled for visits. Representatives of several aviation institutions including

Embry Riddle, Rocky Mountain College, Idaho State University and the Air Force Academy will present

excellent insight into what is needed to be successful at one of these prestigious schools. The entire program is capped off with a flight into the Boise foothills on which the student will perform navigation duties for



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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

By: Bart Welsh
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Washington Passes AIR-21

The much-heralded AIR-21 bill that will enhance funding for airports has finally passed. In its final form this represents about \$3.2 billion in total money for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This will bring in a little over \$19 million for Idaho airport enhancements. This amounts to about twice our previous AIP funding. This is an opportunity for our airports to not only pick up on long overdue maintenance and facility repairs but also to make improvements for the future. The Airport Management Association has been working closely with the Aeronautics Division and our congressional delegation to make this legislation a reality. However, as with all federal funding, there are some considerations.

All AIP money is a 90-10 split, 90% of the project money is federal grant money with the remaining 10% funded by the airport owner. Traditionally, Idaho has split that 10% match with the local airports. That is the local community funding 5% and the state through the Division of Aeronautics, providing the other 5%. Over the years, this has proven to be a good arrangement that has worked well. In recent years,

however, both the local community and Aeronautics have had difficulty meeting their individual commitments. Now under AIR-21 we have nearly twice as much money to match, about \$2 million. State and local communities must generate under a million dollars each to realize our full AIP funding entitlement. For the past few months a revenue task force has been addressing this problem and will continue to work toward a solution throughout the year. It is important that we as the aviation community support this effort and provide a united front. There are no magic solutions; we will need to raise revenues from another source that is not now being taxed. The Airport Management Association and their members, the Aeronautics Advisory Board and the Aeronautics Division have all pledged their support. Funding will be a substantial challenge but the benefits to our airports will be worth the effort.

Wilderness Airports Getting Support

Utah's Congressman James V. Hansen, Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, has introduced H.R. 3661 known as the General Aviation Access Act. The purpose of this piece of legislation is to protect airports in wilderness and primitive areas from future closures. In Idaho, we have language in the Frank Church Wilderness Act which specifically states that Forest Service or other governmental agencies cannot close wilderness airports without obtaining specific approval from the State Division of Aeronautics. H.R. 3661 extends this language to all other states. Our own Congresswoman Helen

Chenoweth-Hage, is a co-sponsor of this bill. On April 6, 2000, a delegation led by Phil Boyer, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, including the Idaho Division of Aeronautics Administrator, testified before Congress in support of this legislation. There is no doubt that this type of legislation has gone a long ways in keeping our airports open by avoiding arbitrary closures. Our backcountry airports are an irreplaceable treasure. Today it would be impossible to build an airport in these areas. Equipment, environmental studies and resistance by specific individuals and groups, would make this task impossible. It is important that we support this legislation. Both Congressman Hansen and Congresswoman Chenoweth-Hage would love to hear from you and receive your support in keeping our backcountry airports open.

Take Someone For a Ride

As part of the state conference this year, an aviation workshop was given for classroom teachers. Its purpose was to introduce teachers to aviation as an instructional and motivational tool. At the conclusion of the workshop this year, the teachers were offered an airplane ride so they could experience, first hand, what aviation and flight actually are. We had a surprisingly good response and several teachers took us up on our offer.

Experiencing the absolute joy of introducing someone to flying was personally gratifying was. Some teachers had never been in an airplane, while for others it had been quite awhile. Share the joy and the thrill of a new experience, a ride with which we can all identify.

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RADIO CHATTER

By Frank Lester
Safety/Education Coordinator

FYI...

In case you didn't notice, last issue's list of 1999 Idaho Safe Pilots were actually for 1998 not 1999. With the deadline for safe pilot applications passing on April 15th, the 1999 list will be posted in the summer issue of the *Rudder Flutter*.

Around the Air Patch...

1999 was a good year for the Gooding Airport Flyers Association (GAFA). Thanks to Kit and Lois, we've been told that GAFA's schedule has indeed been a busy one. It began with a tour of the Warhawk Museum in Caldwell and finished up with an outstanding airport open house in July, projects to improve the Magic Reservoir Airstrip, a Family Fun Day and community service improvements for the Community Center. Since they adopted the airport at Magic Reservoir, GAFA is planning more work to clean up and improve the facilities as well as the Community Center. Kit and Lois say to mark your calendars for this year: May 20, tour at Afton, Wyoming; Open house July 8; and Family Day on September 10. The over-nighter in Elko is planned for late fall.

Our hats are off to GAFA for their work at Magic Reservoir. Although little has been said about the "Adopt an Airport" program, there are others like them whose dedication and hard work has kept our airports safe and groomed for

all of us to enjoy. Consider this as a project for your group. There are airports out there that need your help. If you want more information about GAFA, you can contact Kit or Lois at 208-934-4730. Contact Aeronautics for information about the Adopt-an-Airport Program.

The Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey has their static air show on May 27th. According to Rick Davis, they are looking for all types of airport compatible aircraft and related equipment that pilot/owners would like to display. The air show will be held in conjunction with Hailey's Springfest Celebration. Contact Pete Kramer at 208-788-9003 if you want information about displaying equipment or aircraft and either Rick Davis at 208-788-4394 or the Hailey Chamber of Commerce at 208-788-2700 for lodging and dining information.

Tidbits for GA...

I was navigating the Internet the other day and happened on several pieces of good news for GA: In 1998, 43,920 people died in transportation-related deaths. Only 683 were aviation-related. That compares to 794 bicyclists, 808 recreational boaters, and 831 people walking in front of trains. 1999 looks to be even better yet: Only 342 fatal accidents reported by the NTSB, the fewest since the end of WWII. According to Bruce Landsberg of the AOPA, "...an 11.1% decline in fatal personal flying accidents and a 1.7% decline in total personal flying accidents. The number of fatal instructional flying accidents dropped 9.1%.

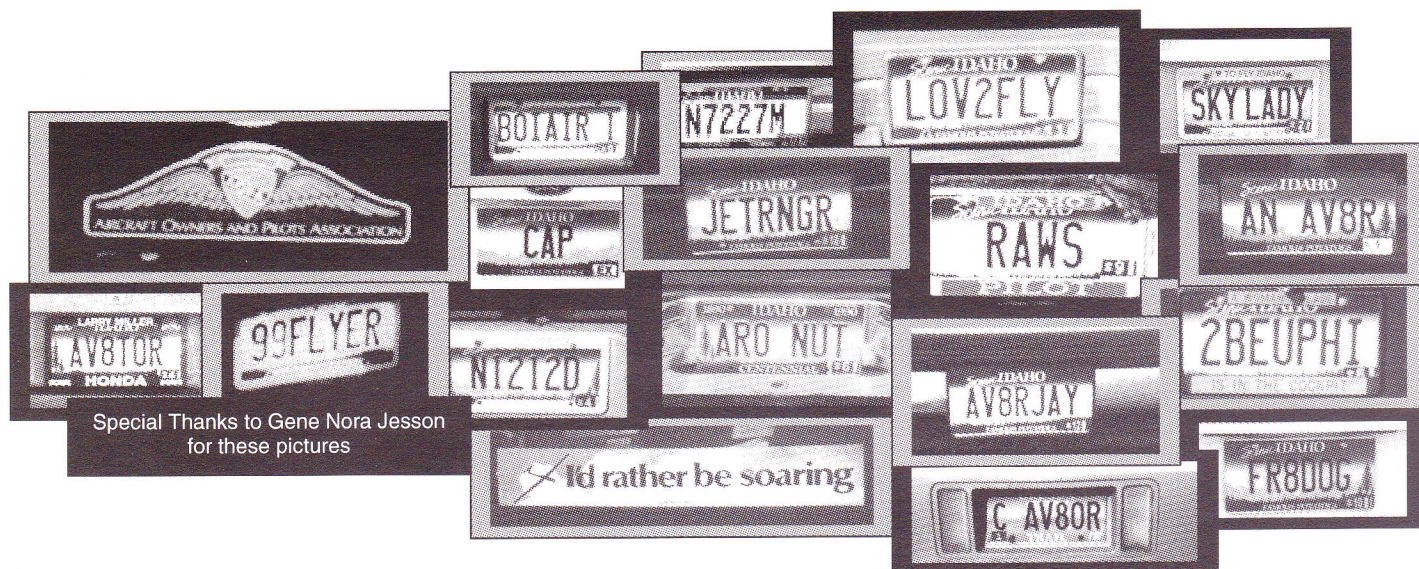
The number of midair collisions increased from 15 to 18 in 1999 but only half resulted in fatalities." And finally, the aviation industry has seen an increase in billings and shipments for the fifth straight year. GAMA reported that billings climbed over 35% in 1999 and shipments of aircraft grew by 305 aircraft over 1998.

On the Horizon...

We are planning another CFI/Student Fly In at Garden Valley Airport for August. The exact date hasn't been set yet but hopefully this has given you a heads up for your calendars. We have observed that fewer CFIs, students and young pilots participate in safety training than ever before. The idea behind this fly in is to encourage more participation and have some fun at the same time. Ray Glidden and I will be there with our 206 to discuss any safety topic of interest. Garden Valley is an ideal airport to test our soft/short field skills while enjoying the serene environment. Activities will be held in the morning ending with a lunchtime bar-b-que. Truly a good time to meet your friends at state aeronautics and do some serious hangar flying. More information will come your way as we close in on summer. Make plans to be there. Let me know what topics you would like to discuss or any suggestions for activities that you may have.

On the calendar is a Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic (FIRC) scheduled for October 27-28. There will be a slight

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Special Thanks to Gene Nora Jesson
for these pictures

2000 IDAHO STATE AVIATION CONFERENCE

By: Frank Lester, Safety/Education Coordinator

The eighth annual Idaho State Aviation conference got off to a great start this year with opening remarks by Lt Governor Butch Otter and Boise Mayor Brent Coles. Both stressed the importance of aviation to the state of Idaho and the City of Boise. Lt Governor Otter emphasized the dependence that many of our rural and back country communities have on the charter operators that carry everything from mail to dry goods and visitors. In his welcoming remarks, Mayor Coles described



John Frank of the CPA
opens the conference at the
kickoff luncheon

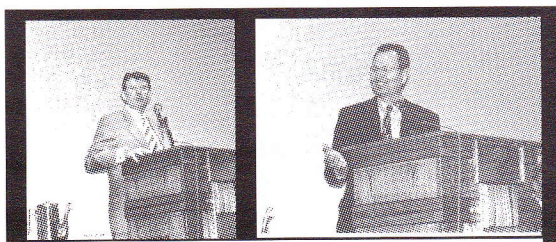
entertained guests at the luncheon with his anecdotes as past president of the Beechcraft Bonanza Association and as founder and current president of the Cessna Pilots Association (CPA).

421 people and 37 vendors registered for this year's activities, a phenomenal increase of over 300% for registered visitors

in just three years as well as a 45% increase in vendors since last year's highly successful conference. The FAA-approved

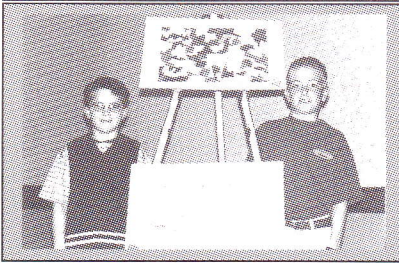
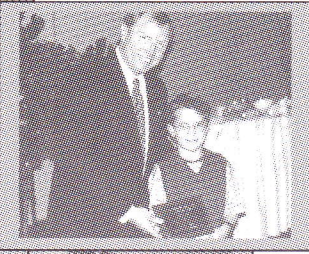
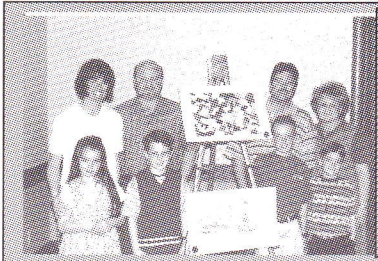
FAR Part 135 training was also up more than 30%. For the third year in a row, an aviation workshop was conducted, introducing teachers to aviation as both an excellent teaching and motivational tool. This highly successful and popular workshop was followed on Sunday with orientation flights for interested teachers. The Idaho Aviation Hall of Fame inducted Gene Frank and Jim Larkin at their luncheon on Friday. The outstanding seminars, workshops and training sessions, a highly successful maintenance/IA meeting on Wednesday night and the increase in attendance made the 2000 Idaho State Aviation Conference the largest and most well attended conference ever.

This year the flying community honored the state's winners in the National Association of State Aviation Official's Aviation Art Contest. Each winner was invited to attend the Saturday night banquet to receive a plaque for their achievement. Steven Beams and Bryan Hites accepted



Lt Governor Otter and Boise Mayor
Coles welcome conference attendees at
Thursday's kickoff luncheon

the importance of expanding the Boise Air Terminal and what it will mean to the city of Boise and the people of Idaho. John Frank



Steven Beams and Bryan Hites receive their awards as winners in the state aviation art contest from banquet speaker and former shuttle pilot, David Walker.

our invitation and received the red carpet treatment along with their families. "It is important that

missions in space. The question and answer session was highlighted by one young lady's

Idaho Aviation Association, an award for his efforts over the years in preserving Idaho's back country airports.

David Walker closed the evening by describing to the banquet audience his final mission as a Space Shuttle Pilot. He shared a video of the final flight and entertained questions about

have increased our vendor area by over 30% for next year and already have a commitment for more than 60% of those booths



Daily activity in the vendor area

and tables. Plans are being made," he continued, "to move the Wednesday maintenance/IA meeting to either Thursday or Friday and increase training, allowing for even more mechanics and IAs to participate." John Goostrey, local FAA Safety Program Manager responsible for

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, BOISE RIVERSIDE BOISE MARCH 23-25, 2000

we encourage our youth to pursue careers in aviation," said Debbie Daniels, art contest coordinator for the Division of Aeronautics, "and we begin by instilling the passion that led us into our own flying careers." Nothing was spared in recognizing these future aviators. Capping off their adventure, Bryan and Steven received their awards from former Navy fighter pilot, test pilot and NASA Space Shuttle Commander, David Walker, during ceremonies at the banquet.

In an emotionally charged moment, Ray Costello, regional AOPA representative, presented Boyd Miller, president of the

questions as to whether he had ever landed on another planet or



The Idaho 99s conducted another highly successful Flying Companion Seminar

Special Thanks to Joe Belk ITD/PA for his conference pictures

walked in space.

Overall, the conference rated high marks by all that attended. Planning committee members look forward to another successful year in 2001. According to Mike Sellars, in charge of vendors and maintenance/IA training, "We

programming and equipment, goes on to say, "We are continually working to encourage more aviation groups to become involved, not only during the conference but in planning as well."

Booths and tables are already being reserved for the 2001 conference scheduled **March 1-3, 2001**. Growth

has pushed planning to the limits and volunteers are needed to ensure that no one is left out. Contact the Division of Aeronautics at 208/334-8775, email dedaniel@itd.state.id.us or flester@itd.state.id.us for more information. See you next year!

Ace Academy

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the pilot. Each student will have the chance to navigate one leg of the flight which will include landings at either Garden Valley or Idaho City airports, eventually arriving at Caldwell Industrial Airport and a tour of SkyStar Aircraft. Balloon rides are also being planned again this year. Students must submit an application to include a one-page

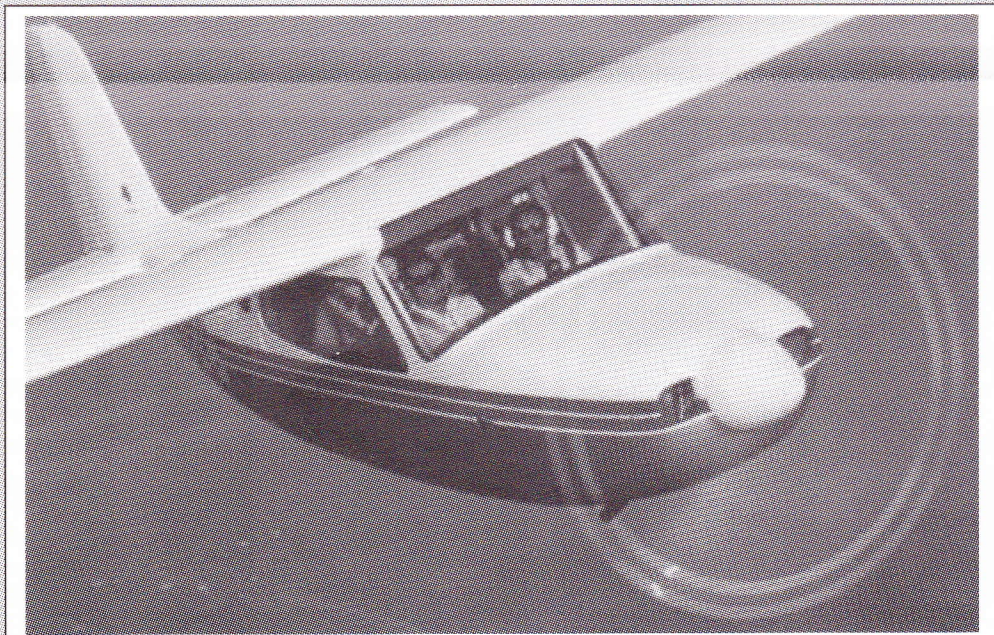
essay and two letters of recommendation to be considered for selection. Final selection will be made by members of the Idaho Chapter of the Ninety Nines. Notification letters will be mailed out the week of June 5th. Demand for space in the ACE Academy is high as only 40 students state-wide are selected to attend. Applications have been sent to schools and airport Fixed Based Operators (FBOs)

throughout the state. See your school guidance or career counselor, local FBO or contact the Division of Aeronautics at 208/334-8775 or dedaniel@itd.state.id.us for more information. **BUT HURRY! THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 15TH, 2000** and you don't want to miss the fun.

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The 14th Annual Northwest Mountain Family Fly-In

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and

Aviation Safety Conference

McCall, Idaho, August 11-13, 2000.

If you would like more information about the Fly-In, you can call John Goostrev at (800) 453-0001 or Jim Coonev at (800) 457-9917.

Radio Chatter...

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change in format that I think will be for the best. Although the CFI training will not change, the curriculum is being upgraded and the course format will be improved. The change will come in two ways: First, the cost to attend will be reduced. How much hasn't been decided yet, however, it will be substantial. Second, the two-day course will become a Pilot/CFI refresher, open to both pilots and instructors. The hope is to encourage more people to come out and experience the benefits of the refresher training. CFIs will still be required to attend the full 16 hours but non-CFIs may attend either one or both days. Again, your inputs are appreciated. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. **FYI...** the October 2001 Pilot/CFI refresher clinic will be held in **Lewiston** and then alternate every other year (in October) with eastern Idaho.

Administrator's Column

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As we prepare our airplanes for the spring, and begin our flying season, look for opportunities to give someone, young or old, the opportunity to go for an airplane ride. Especially search out someone who deals with young people, teachers, offer rides to teachers, and let it be known that you would be delighted to take them out and share this experience with them. This opportunity is one that we and we alone have, to share what we love with others. This way we are able to introduce people to aviation and continue to support the activity that is so important to

us. Look for an opportunity to share a ride.

Spring is a beautiful time to do that.

EVENTS	
MAY	
20	GAFA Afton Breakfast Kit or Lois 208-934-4730
18-21	Challis River of No Return Mountain Flying Clinic Challis, ID Bob Plummer 208-879-5900
25	FAA Wings Safety Seminar, Salmon, ID John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
27	Friedman Memorial Airport Static Air Show, Hailey, ID Pete Kramer 208/788-9003
30	FAA Wings Safety Seminar, McCall, ID John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
JUNE	
8-11	Challis River of No Return Mountain Flying Clinic Challis, ID Bob Plummer 208-879-5900
13	FAA Wings Safety Seminar, La Grande, OR John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
20	FAA Wings Safety Seminar, Idaho Falls, ID John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
20	21 st Annual Smiley Creek Fly In Breakfast and Spot Landing on Approach Gary Thietten 208-734-4061
22-25	Challis River of No Return Mountain Flying Clinic Challis, ID Bob Plummer 208-879-5900
27	FAA Wings Safety Seminar, Pocatello, ID John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
JULY	
8	Gooding Airport Open House Kit or Lois 208-934-4730
7-10	Quiet Birdmen Annual Weekend Johnson Creek Neil Brooks ntb@cruzio.com
10-12	ACE Academy, Boise, ID Frank Lester 208-334-8775
22	AIR MAGIC VALLEY 2000 Airshow Joslin Field, Twin Falls Magic Valley Regional Airport David Allen 208-733-5215
29-30	Treasure Valley Chapter, IAA, Breakfast and Fly In Johnson Creek Ray Friend 208-389-9649
AUGUST	
11-13	Family Fly In, McCall, ID John Goostrey 208-334-1238/800-453-0001 (ext 225)
18-20	C-180/185 Club Fly In Johnson Creek Al Hewitt 206-441-3052
SEPTEMBER	
10	GAFA Family Fun Day Kit or Lois 208-934-4730
OCTOBER	
27-28	Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls, ID Frank Lester 208-334-8775
FEBRUARY	2001
2-3	Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Airport Holiday Inn, Boise, ID Frank Lester 208-334-8775
MARCH	
1-3	2001 Idaho State Aviation Conference Double Tree Hotel, Boise Riverside, Boise, ID Frank Lester 208-334-8775

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William Charles Jarvis
September 26, 1918- February 28, 2000

Gentlemen flyer, pioneers, adventurers, unsung heroes, two men to whom flying was a passion. Simple of heart, gifted of mind, two men who knew fear but not of hard work; whose character guided us through good times and bad; two aviators whose time has come far too soon. Your approach complete, landing precise, distant comrades beckon your final muster. Au revoir.